

like to send Bernadotte to Vineennes to finish his study of the Swedish language." Bernadotte was informed of this, but he could not believe that the Emperor had over entertained such a design. *However, a eoHsplnirt/ w.ts formed in Sweden against Bernadotte^ whom a party of foreign briyands were hired to kidnap in the neighbor hood of Haga ;* but the plot was discovered, and the conspirators were compelled to embark without their prey.¹ The Emperor having at the same time seized upon Swedish Pomerania, the Prince lioyal wrote him a second letter in these terms: —

From the papers which have just arrived I learn that a division of the army, under the command of the Prince of Kckmiihi, invaded Swedish Pomerania on the night of the 2(ith of January; that the division continued to advance, entered the capital of the Duchy, and took possession of the island of Kugen. The King experts that your MajeHty vvii! explain the reasons which have induced you to act in, a manner so contrary to the faith of existing treaties. My old connection with your Majesty warrants me In requesting you to declare, your tnotivos without delay, in order that I may give my advice to the King as to the conduct which Sweden ought hereafter to adopt. This gratuitous outrage agahiht Sweden is felt deeply hy the nation, and still more, Sire, by me, to whom is Intrusted the honor of defending it. Though I have contributed to the triumphs of France, though *I* have always desired to see her respected and happy; yet *I* can never think of sacrificing the intermits, honor, and independence of the country which lias adopted me. Your Majenty, who has so ready a perception of what Is jiwt, must admit the propriety of my resolution- Though I am not jealous of the glory and jwwor which surrounds you, I cannot submit to the dishonor of being regarded a» a vassal. Your Majesty governs the greatest part of Europe* but your dominion does not extend to the nation which I have been called to govern; my ambition Is limited to the defence of Sweden. The effect pro-'duced upon the people by the Invasion of which I complain may lead to consequences which it is Impossible to foreneti; and although J am not a Coriolanun, and do not command the Voted, I have & sufficiently good opinion of the Sweden to annum you that they dare undertake anything to avenge insults which they have not provoked, and to preserve rights to which they are an much attached an to their live*,

I was in Paris when the Bmporor received Bttrnadotte's letter on the occupation of Swedish Porno rania. When Bonaparte read it I was informed that he flew into a violent

¹ A flwediah gentleman han awnred us that theno brigands were In tht pay of Bonaparte. — *Ktiitur <*f1KW edition.*